

Figure 1. Depicted recombinant FAA (rFAA), produced from cloned partial cDNA of bovine FAA gene in E. coli, showing the comparative position of the segment corresponding to intact bovine FAA.

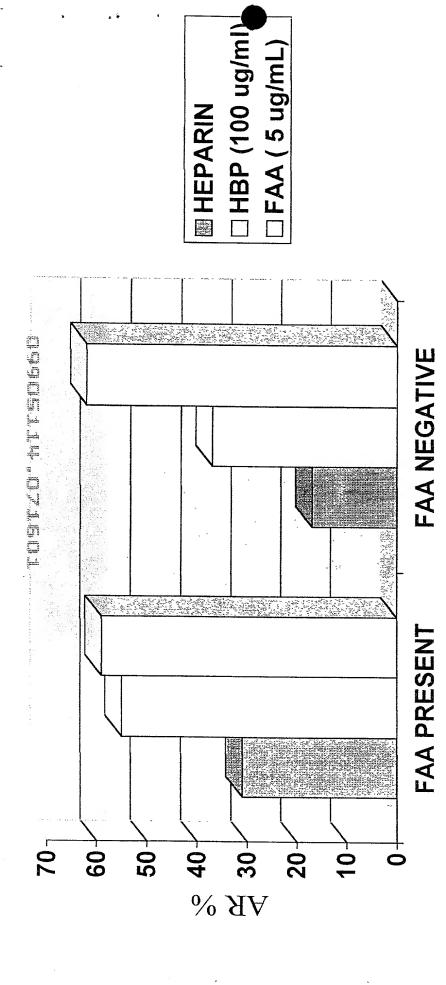


Figure 2. Percent increase in acrosome reaction for each treatment above the control level. FAA present represents a fertile bull with detectable FAA on induction of capacitation/acrosome reactions. Addition of FAA (5 ug/mL) sperm and FAA negative represents a non-fertile bull without detectable FAA on sperm. The fertile bull (FAA present) reacted better to heparin stimulated maximum increase of acrosome reactions for each bull.

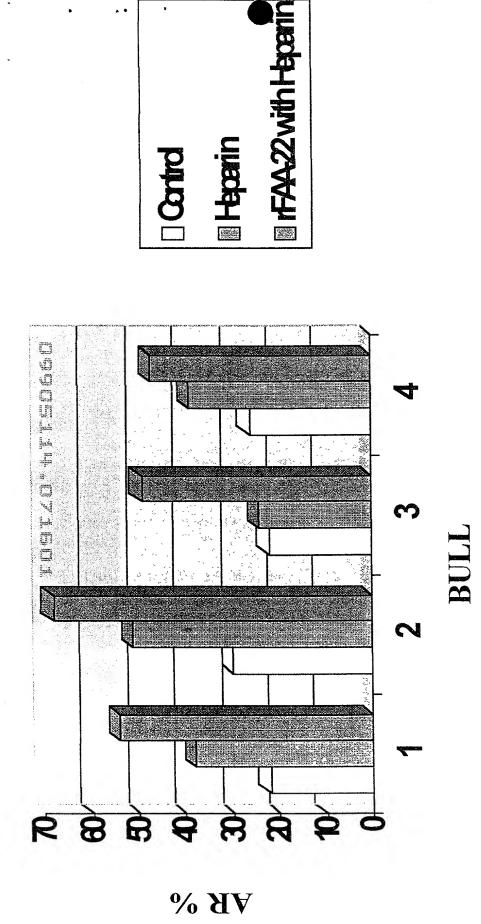
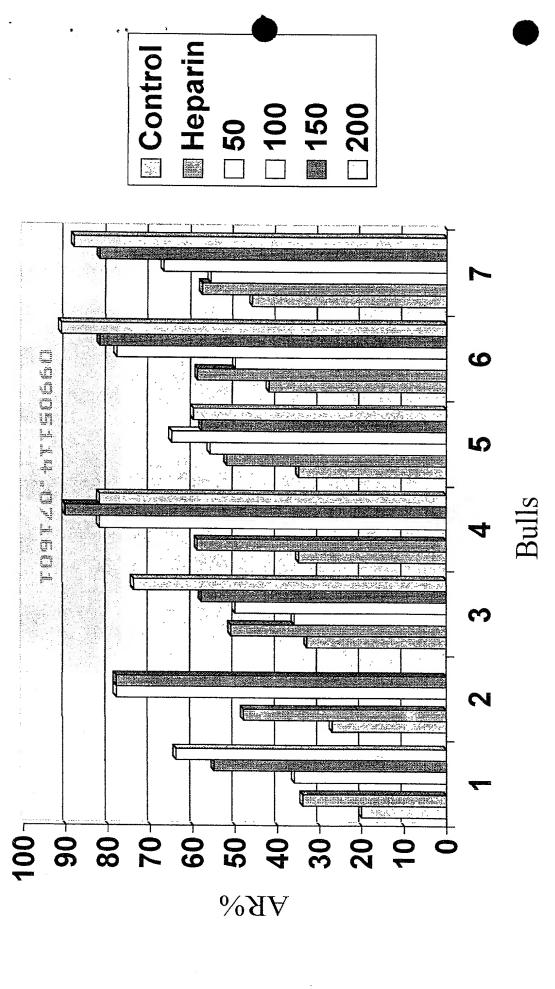


Figure 3. Effects of heparin alone (10 µg/ml) or recombinant FAA (rFAA, 20 μg/ml) with heparin to stimulate acrosome reaction in washed sperm from four fertile bulls.



from two to five different ejaculates are presented as each datum point for Figure 4. Dose-response comparisons (µg/ml) of the 22kDa recombinant FAA (rFAA) added with heparin (10 µg/ml) to washed sperm. Averages each bull.

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Notes: Upstream primer sequence;

Codon sequence responsible for the rFAA product;

Stop codon.

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